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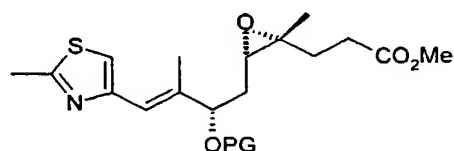
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(II)

(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a process for the production of epothilone compounds, the improvement comprising preparing said compounds by cyclization of a compound produced from an intermediate of formula (II) wherein PG is a protecting group.